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# Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton Secretary of State US Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary,

It has been reported to me that US Government personnel have not conducted an inspection visit of Camp Liberty since October 31<sup>st</sup>, nearly four weeks ago. During the lead up to the planned transfer of the Camp Ashraf residents I was repeatedly assured that officials from the US Embassy in Baghdad would frequently visit Camp Liberty to ensure the residents' safety and well being. A month gap between visits is entirely unacceptable. America's credibility has been and is currently being tarnished by our failure to safeguard a group of civilians who we disarmed and left at the mercy of the Iranian regime and its allies in Baghdad.

Last month raw sewerage tanks at Camp Liberty broke open due to lack of maintenance. Heaters needed to cope with the winter weather haven't been transferred from Camp Ashraf and those that have are repeatedly breaking down. The Iraqi Army is only allowing food to enter Camp Liberty and blocking other needed items – including the transfer of property from Camp Ashraf to Camp Liberty.

When will US Embassy personnel resume their visits to Camp Liberty and Camp Ashraf? What is the reason for their exceedingly sparse visits and month long absence?

The US Government must not allow the situation at Camp Liberty to continue as it is. The State Department must let the Maliki Government know that it has to end its harassment of the MeK and afford them humane, safe, and decent living conditions as required by UNHRC standards until their relocation out of Iraq can be arranged.

Sincerely,

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